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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DPS/DCI  
SUBJECT : Situation Estimate for Project CHALICE  
REFERENCE : CHAL-0134, dated 20 May 1958

1. I have now read the situation estimate for Project CHALICE. I believe this is a very creditable document and it is entirely satisfactory, subject to the amendments already suggested by others which you propose to incorporate and to my two comments below.

2. The most important accomplishment underlying this document appears to me to be the estimate of U-2 flying hours. I would agree that the figures in Enclosure 4 are pretty realistic, and I assume you have checked these against the experience of the last few months at both Detachments. Although I would not, therefore, suggest any change, I do believe our planning must be adequate to support a higher rate of operations if that should become necessary and politically feasible.

3. One section that will require some redrafting, as you have pointed out to me, is Part V. Although little change in substance will be required, the language should be conformed to the final version of the agreement we are negotiating with the Air Force. When revisions for the referenced document are ready, I will return my copies to be brought up to date.

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